

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
11020 Sun Center Drive #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

**TIME SCHEDULE ORDER R5-2017-XXXX
TO COMPLY WITH WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED IN ORDER
R5-2016-0076
(NPDES PERMIT NO. CAG995002)
FOR
NEWMONT USA, LTD.
NORTH STAR WATER TREATMENT FACILITY
NEVADA COUNTY**

Newmont USA, Ltd. (Discharger) is the owner and operator of the North Star Water Treatment Facility (Facility) located at 12509 Allison Ranch Road, Grass Valley, California. The Facility provides treatment for the Drew Tunnel Discharge, two North Star Mine drainage features (adit and pipe culvert), and an adjacent spring through passive treatment which includes collection systems, sedimentation ponds, a constructed wetland, and lime beds. The treated mine drainage from the Facility is discharged to a tributary to Wolf Creek a water of the United States.

Discharges from the Facility are proposed to be regulated by General Order No. R5-2016-0076 for Limited Threat Discharges to Surface Waters under tentative Notice of Applicability R5-2016-0076-001 which is scheduled to be issued by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) Executive Officer on 1 February 2017. The Discharger has demonstrated that additional time is needed to comply with the final effluent limitations for iron and manganese prescribed in Order R5-2016-0076. Therefore, a Time Schedule Order is proposed allowing an extension of the time schedule for compliance with these final effluent limitations until 1 March 2020.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 23/24 February 2017
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Room
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Newmont USA, Ltd.

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **5:00 p.m. on 11 February 2017**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge. Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board, or via email to **RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov** no later than **5:00 p.m. on 11 February 2017**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **5:00 p.m. on 11 February 2017** will not be accepted and will not be

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incorporated into the administrative record absent a ruling by the Board Chair. Any party requesting to submit late materials must demonstrate good cause for the late submission, and the Board Chair must find that accepting the late submission will not prejudice the Central Valley Water Board or any Designated Party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Central Valley Water Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Anyone having questions regarding the hearing item should contact Michelle Snapp at (916) 464-4824 or Michelle.Snapp@waterboards.ca.gov. Interested parties may download the tentative Time Schedule Order and related documents from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. **The final meeting agenda will be available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/ at least 10 days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the specific date the Board Meeting will be held for this item, indicate the anticipated order of all agenda items, and may include staff revisions to the proposed order(s).**

The procedures governing Central Valley Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Central Valley Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Central Valley Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml or by contacting any one of the Central Valley Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.



ADAM LAPUTZ, Assistant Executive Officer

12 January 2017